REMARKS

The office action and references cited therein have been carefully considered and amendments have been made to the claims of the application to more accurately define the present invention and to emphasize pre-existing differences between the invention as claimed and the prior art that has been cited and applied.

The examiner has maintained the rejections of claims 1-4, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Internationalizing the Sample Program reference which will hereinafter be referred to merely as the "Internationalizing" reference. The examiner has also maintained the rejections of claims 5, 6, 22 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the Internationalizing reference in view of Yamamoto and claims 8, 10, 11 and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the Internationalizing reference in view of Schultz, and claims 14 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the Internationalizing reference.

The examiner has responded to applicants' arguments by indicating that the internationalizing the sample program discloses that a particular text string is uniquely defined within a resource bundle according to a language identifier which identifies a language and locale and a string identifier. Applicants have again amended the independent claims 1, 12, 21, 22 and 23 to distinguish over the Internationalizing reference. The examiner acknowledges in his remarks responding to applicants' arguments that the resource bundle that uniquely defines a particular text string is done with "a language identifier, which identifies a language *and locale* and a string identifier". It is clear from the Internationalizing reference that it utilizes

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a language code and a country code and that the language and country codes follow MessagesBundle in the names of the properties files (see page 2, lines 30-32). This is different from the system as claimed in amended claim 1 which now includes the recitation that "a localizing string for displaying text uniquely defined only by said string identifier and said language identifier." This differentiates the claimed system from the Internationalizing reference for the reason that it requires only two items of information rather than three. It is believed that the applicants' system provides for increased efficiency regarding storage memory and represents a patentable improvement over the prior art that is of record.

The method of claim 12 is similarly distinguishable over the Internationalizing reference for the reason that it has the step of returning the localized string uniquely designated only by the string identifier and specified language. The system of claim 21 has means for returning the localized string uniquely designated only by the string identifier and specified language which is not taught or suggested by the initializing Internationalizing reference.

Similarly, the computer program product claims 22 and 23 include the element of returning the localized string uniquely designated only by the string identifier and specified language.

Yamamoto fails to provide the deficiency of the Internationalizing reference and Schultz operates similarly to the Internationalizing reference in that it requires language as well as a country designation in addition to translatable text and therefore suffers from the same deficiency as the Internationalizing reference.
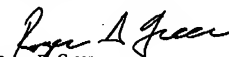
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Since the dependent claims necessarily include the features of the claims from which they depend, in addition to defining other features or functionality not found in the claims from which they depend, it is believed that the dependent claims are also in condition for immediate allowance.

In conclusion, none of the references, applied singularly or in combination are believed to teach or suggest the claims that are presently pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims presently pending in the application is respectfully requested.

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